



September 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

A Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (Black #181)

“Amazing Grace”

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



Celebrant: ☩ Bles - sed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spirit.



Community: And bles - sed be his Kingdom, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

(sung together, all standing as you are able)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in ☩ the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson (Jeremiah 15:15-21) Margaret McCafferty

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8 (*read responsively by verse*)

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; * I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, * nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.

Second Lesson (Romans 12:9-21)

Andrew Listman

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but

take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

SALISBURY ALLELUIA

Christopher Walker



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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block

to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Tinh Huynh

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Kevin Sangster

The Celebrant says:

By self-denial we daily take up the cross, walking in the footsteps of our Master. Let us pray for the needs of others, and so cast off the selfishness which keeps us apart from God, as we pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our Bishop; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople, that they may continue to carry the cross of pastoral care and responsibility.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; Rick, our Mayor; for the members of the Supreme Court; and for all leaders in government and industry, that they may not use their power and authority for personal gain, or to use their power to dominate others.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the dry souls of those who thirst for God.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For a share in the courageous faith of Mary, our Mother and example.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the special petitions of this church being offered up today, as we pray for:

- All Missionaries throughout the world.
- The persecuted Church throughout the world.
- Our troops serving at home and abroad.
- All pregnant women and their unborn children.
- All those who are sick and suffering, *especially Pauleen Williams and Dona Smith.*
- The victims of crime in our communities.
- The victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the people suffering from the effects of the tropical systems affecting the United States and the Caribbean.*
- Those nations engaged in wars and suffering from the devastation in the wake of conflicts.
- Our family and friends celebrating birthdays, *especially Leo Cecchini, Christopher Malone, Briella Mangione, Jonathan Goncales, and Angel Donohue; and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Lester & Diana Good.*
- For our absent brothers and sisters.

The people are invited to add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

- Silence -

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the dead who desired to save their souls, *especially [N].*

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Let us pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind

**within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.***

Celebrant:

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive these prayers of your pilgrim people, seeking to discover your will for them, by walking in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing *(please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested).*

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

-  **Hawaii Fire Response** – Donations can be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd (cash or check) to be forwarded to the Episcopal Relief & Development, or you can donate directly at www.episcopalrelief.org. Please note on the check or a giving envelope that the donation is for the Hawaii Fire Response. Thank you!
-  Our next **Fellowship Potluck Brunch** will be on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**. Please plan to bring a dish.
-  **Sign-up Sheet for Fall Bible Study classes** is in the back.
-  The **Mission Committee meets next Sunday at 11 a.m.** in the multi-purpose room of the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.
-  **Founders' Day Luncheon**, Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. (after service), at Villa Deli in Sicklerville. Sign-up sheet is in the back. **Next Sunday is the deadline** to RSVP.
-  **Bishop Sally French Visits** us for Founder's Day. If you are interested in being reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, **today is the deadline** to indicate. Sign-up sheet is in the back.
-  **Sunday School** resumes on **September 24**. Registration forms are available in the back for those interested in having their young ones join our Sunday School.
-  **Memorial Gardens Paver Request forms** are available in the back for those interested in having their loved ones memorialized.
-  **Fundraisers:**
 - **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. 1st Prize - \$1,000 worth of store gift cards; 2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card. Proceeds to benefit the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets.
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

- **Basket Auction and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 29, 2023**, at Paris Caterers Berlin. Tickets are **\$45 each**. If you would like to donate any items for the baskets and for tickets, please see Darlene or Lillian.

Offertory Hymn (White #51)

“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him.

Sanctify us ☩ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your Saints, into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.☩

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Breaking of The Bread

[Fraction Anthem]

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) (sung together)

Celebrant:

☩ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [***Amen.***]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [***Amen.***]

Communion Hymn (White #46)

*“Bind Us
Together”*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. May our blessed Lady, blessed Joseph, and all the saints pray for you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✕ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (Black #227)

“We Shall Overcome”

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Tinh Huynh
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Margaret McCafferty
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Andrew Listman
Kevin Sangster
Margaret McCafferty
Lay Readers

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor's card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again

Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Reed Mikkelson
Andrew Miller	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Charles Devoll	Ted Chavis
Dalton Anders	
Dave Niglio	
Felix Perez	
Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

The Buscers (September)
Denise Knott (December)

Comfort & Healing

Barbara Hill	John Rankin	Richard Mealey
Barbara MacLeod	Lee Anna Smoler	Ricky Beam
Barbara Peters Villari	Linda Swinney	Sheila Williams
Betsy Richards	Lisa Gallagher	Theresa Ennis
Carlos Guemes	Lori Blue	Tom Knott
Christina Camuccio	Lori Gantz	Victor Kayati
Connie Buch	Mackenzie Wister	Wlm. Luebberman
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Jasmin Mulero	Paul Williams	
Jason	Pauleen Williams	
Jim Krug	Paulette Bahn	
John Collier	Regina Listman	